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SUBJECT: DANISH DEFENSE REFORM

REF: USNATO 1282

1. DPC EVALUATION OF DANISH DEFENSE REFORM WAS
TRANSMITTED TO PARLIAMENTARY DEFENSE COMMITTEE BY
MINISTER OF DEFENSE KJELD OSESEN MARCH 14, REPORTEDLY
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WITHOUT COMMENT. GENERAL CONTENT OF EVALUSATION, BASED ON REUTERS DISPATCH FROM BRUSSELS, WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN DANISH PRESS MARCH 15 UNDER LEADS SUCH AS " NATO CONCERNED OVER" AND EVEN " NATO CONDEMNS" DANISH DEFENSE REFORM.

2. IN TELEVISED INTERVIEW EVENING MARCH 14, DEFMIN OLESEN STATED THAT UNFAVORABLE NATO EVALUATION HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED AND THAT IT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE FOUR- PARTY COMPROMISE ON DEFENSE. ASKED WHETHER GOVERNMENT WOULD RECONSIDER THE DEFENSE REFORM AS REQUESTED IN THE LETTER, OLESEN SAID GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY DONE SO. HE ADDED THAT THERE IS ALWAYS A GAP BETWEEN WHAT NATO DESIRES AND WHAT INDIVIDUAL MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

3. SUBSEQUENT COMMENT BY SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS IN BRUSSELS THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED OVER DANISH GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO THE NATO EVALUATION AND THAT HE HOPED GOVERNMENT WOULD RECONSIDER THE MATTER WAS TELEVISED EVENING MARCH 15 AND WIDELY COVERED IN PRESS THIS MORNING.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OLESEN'S HASTY REJECTION OF DPC REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DEFENSE RESTRUCTURING MAY APPEAR BRUSQUE, CHANCES ARE NIL OF ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN FOUR- PARTY COMPROMISE. ALL PARTIES IN PARLIAMENT, ESPECIALLY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND CONSERVATIVES, HAVE JUST BEEN SHOCKED INTO ACTION BY RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLLS SHOWING GROWING SUPPORT FOR POUJADIST MOGENS GLISTRUP AND HIS NEWLY LAUNCHED ANTI- TAX PARTY. BOTH GOVT AND OPPOSITION ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN Frenzied SEARCH FOR WAYS TO CUT DEEPLY INTO GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, ANY REOPENING OF THE DEFENSE COMPROMISE COULD ONLY LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN MILITARY SPENDING.
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